

ROAD CONSTRUCTION WILL  
BEGIN IN COUNTY AUG. 1

So Says Road Engineer Employed by Highway Commission Tuesday—First & Citizen's National Bank Takes Bond Issue

Pasquotank county will begin building hard surfaced roads by August 1, 1919. The Highway Commission will advertise for bids June 1, open bids and award contracts on or about July 1 and the contractor receiving the award will be expected to have his material, equipment and construction force on the job in 20 days.

The entire bond issue of \$500,000 for road construction was sold Tuesday, May 20 to the First & Citizens National Bank of Elizabeth City. Their bid was in competition with eleven bond buyers, representing Baltimore, New York, Toledo, Cincinnati and St. Louis capital.

The Highway Commission met at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning to open bids and were in session continuously until 6 o'clock that evening, adjourning only a few minutes late in the afternoon for a light lunch.

After awarding the bonds to the highest bidder the Commission held another session at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening and employed an engineer. The man employed is T. L. Higgs, of Greensboro, N. C. and he will be paid a salary of \$250 a month until construction begins and his salary will then be \$275 a month.

**Progressive Local Banking**  
The bond sale indicated that the Saunders Bill authorizing this bond issue was carefully drawn. Bond buyers flocked to the sale in droves and were not afraid to bid for Pasquotank county road bonds at 5 per cent. That five per cent. made the success of the sale rather doubtful. The Highway Commission recently fixed at 6 per cent. and bond buyers claim that five per cent. is not much of an inducement in view of the fact that tax exempt government bonds bear 4 1/2 per cent. interest. The Pasquotank Highway Commission had authority to issue 6 per cent. bonds under the Saunders act; but the Pasquotank Highway Commission created by the same act is composed of far sighted business men. They held out for five per cent. bonds and saved the county thousands of dollars.

The bonds run for 25 years, from 1924 to 1949, \$20,000 to be retired annually from June 1, 1924.

The First & Citizens National Bank's bid was far and away ahead of any other made by outside capitalists. The First & Citizens National will pay a premium of \$375.50; they will pay for the printing of the bonds and attorney's fees for approving the bond issue. Their bid is conditional upon the funds being deposited in the First & Citizens National Bank, subject to check by the Highway Commission, and the bank will pay two per cent. interest on all funds on deposit at the close of business every 30 days. Two per cent. interest is rather a low rate of interest, but it is pointed out that if the funds were banked in the usual way, thru the county treasurer, they would draw no interest at all.

**Bond Buyers Proliferate.**

The firms bidding for the bonds in competition with the First & Citizens National were, Pruden & Co., Toledo, O.; Kauffman, Smith, Emert Investment Co., St. Louis; The Silverman-Huck Co., Cincinnati; Graves, Blanchet & Thornburgh, Toledo; R. M. Grant & Co., New York; Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo; Baker, Watts & Co., Baltimore; The Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co., Baltimore; Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati; Weil, Roth & Co., Cincinnati. These bidders offered bigger premiums than the First & Citizens National, but every bid had a string tied to it and sought by indirection to get the bids below par. The bid by the local bank was clean-cut, open and above board and had no strings tied to it. It wasn't exactly what the Commission desired, but an effort to get a better offer by bidding for bids on a 5 1/2 per cent. bond resulted in even less desirable offerings.

**T. L. Higgs, Road Engineer.**

And now, a word about Tommy Higgs, the new engineer of the Pasquotank Highway Commission. This fellow Higgs was one ball of fire out of about 40 applicants for the job. He has more "pep" than three dozen auto salesmen all rolled into one. He told the Pasquotank Highway Commission that he would show them satisfaction or he would fire him on an hour's notice. "We'll hire you on your recommendations and upon the impression you have made on this board," said Chairman Woodley; "and we are going to take you at your word; if you don't deliver the goods we shall demand and expect your resignation any day we call for it."

"That's a go," said Higgs, "And I'll

be right here on the job the first day of June."

Higgs is probably 35 years old, is a man of family and has been in active construction work of one kind and another, including street paving and road building, for nearly 15 years. He says he can keep graft out of a job and get more work and better work done than any man of his size in the United States. The Pasquotank Highway Commission will give him a chance to prove his claims.

**Questions.**

Questions uppermost in the minds of everybody in the county are: 1. What road material will be used? 2. How wide will the roads be built? 3. Where will the first roads be built? Only the last of these questions can be answered. The Highway Commission is anxious to begin building from Elizabeth City to Weaverville and Elizabeth to the Newland section, at once, working two construction forces, one in each direction indicated. And this probably is what will be done. As to the width of road and the material to be used, the Highway Commission is still undecided. Some of them favor brick, some cement, some bituminous asphalt. Some favor a nine foot road, others favor a 14, 16 or 18 foot road. Engineers Higgs told the Commission Tuesday night to hesitate a long time before building nine foot roads. He favors wider roads at a sacrifice of mileage.

E. CITY BOY SCOUTS  
WANT A SUMMER CAMP

Will Use Week of June 8 To June 15  
For Benefit of Community Re-creational Need

The Week of June 8-15 has been declared Boy Scout Week, by proclamation of no less an authority than President Wilson himself. America will be asked to do something big and substantial for the Boy Scout movement at that time. Elizabeth City Boy Scouts will take advantage of this nation wide campaign to ask the grown folk of Elizabeth City to do something worth while for Scoutcraft. It isn't often the Boy Scouts ask for anything; their policy is to always help everything and everybody, including themselves. When they want things they usually hustle around and earn the money to get what they want.

But the Boy Scouts want a permanent camp near Elizabeth City and that's a little more than they can do for themselves. And so they are going to ask the grown folks to help them out. Their plans call for the lease of an acre or more of land near Bartlett Beach or some other suitable point on the river and not too far from town. And on this site they will build a permanent camp, say 13 feet by 32 or 40 feet, with bunks to accommodate 25 or 30 boys at a time. The Scouts say if the grown folk will help them out, they will open their camp to the Y. M. C. A. the Chamber of Commerce or any one else who wants to use it. Whenever a bunch of business men in town feel sort of worn out and want to go down the river and live in old clothes, sleep in a bunk, go barefooted, swim, fish and cut up, they can have the camp. Elizabeth City will undoubtedly give the Boy Scouts anything they want, because the Boy Scouts have always responded to every call made upon them by every organization in town.

NEW STATE LAWS THAT  
DEAL WITH CHILDREN

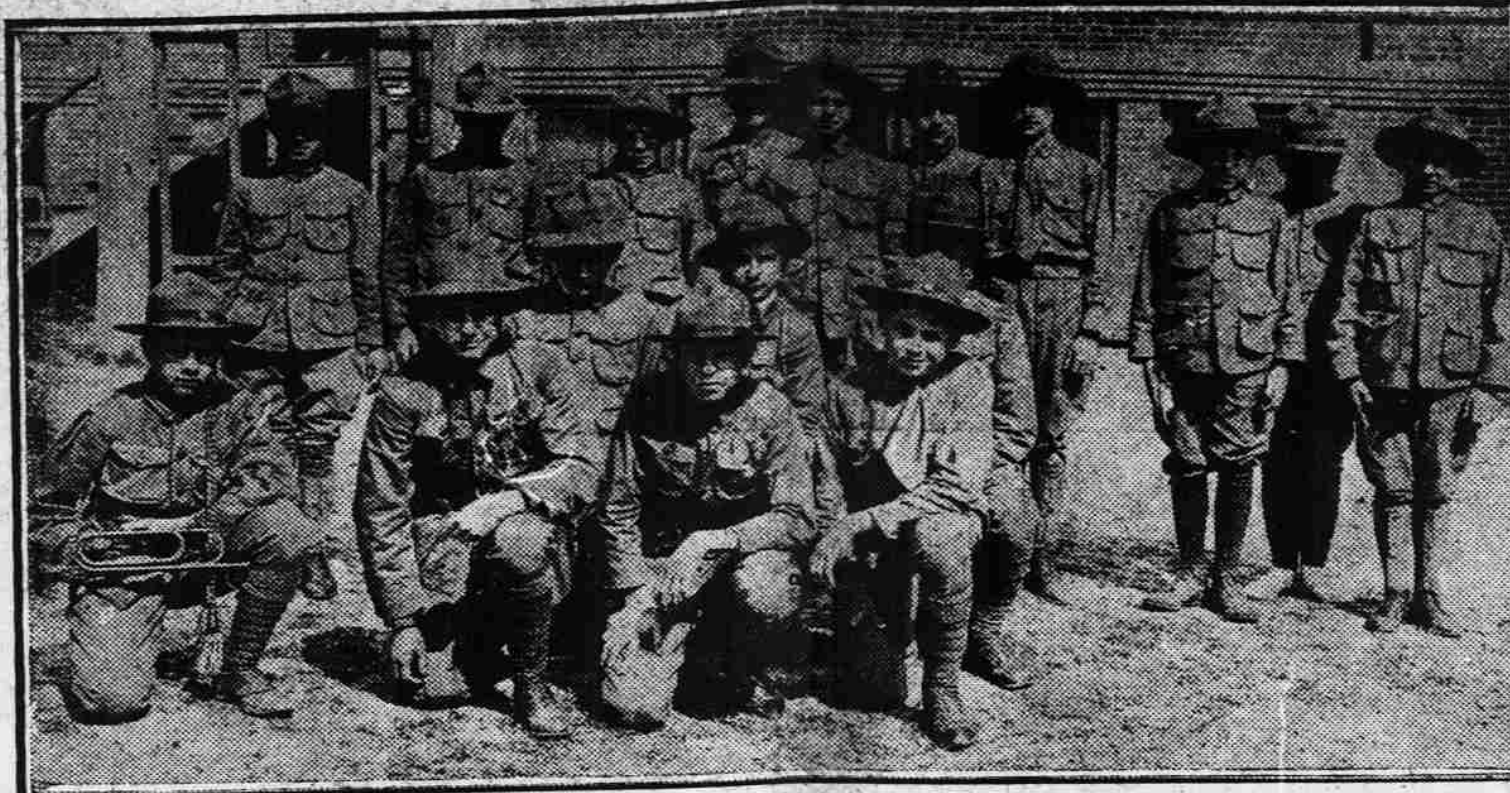
Children Too Poor To Go To School  
Can Be Helped From Public Funds

After the first of next July no child under fourteen years of age shall be employed or permitted to work in or about or in connection with any mill, factory, cannery, workshop, manufacturing establishment, laundry, bakery, mercantile establishment, office, hotel, restaurant, barber shop, bootblack stand, public stable, garage, place of amusement, brickyard, lumber yard, or any messenger or delivery service, except in cases and under regulations prescribed by the State Child Welfare Commission. The members of this commission are the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of the State Board of Health, and the State Commissioner of Public Welfare. No child under sixteen can be permitted to work in any of these occupations after nine at night or before six in the morning.

After July first of this year, when the law goes into effect, every child between eight and fourteen years of age must attend school for the full term of the public school, which is to be six months hereafter. If a child is unable to attend on account of poverty he may be helped from the public funds. It will be the business of the school authorities and the chief attendance officer of the county to see that the law is complied with.

"The Dice of Destiny" is the title of our next serial story. Watch for the first installment next week.

## Boy Scouts Work For Salvation Army



TROOPS 1 and 3 Elizabeth City Boy Scouts are working for the Salvation Army Home Service Fund this week. The Elizabeth City Boy Scouts are always on the job when help is needed for any worthy cause. The Chairman of the Pasquotank County S. A. organization showed his confidence in scoutcraft when he announced last week that he would get the Salvation Army fund for this county with the help of no other organization than the Scouts. The above photo by Zoeller shows a few of the Elizabeth City Scouts.

MADE CORN LIQUOR IN  
MIDST OF HOG PASTURE

Hogs Got the Corn Mash Minus Alcohol  
And Then Revenue Officers Got  
The Alcohol

U. S. Revenue Officers gave illicit distillers of liquor in Camden and Currituck counties a taste of what is in store for them last Saturday, destroying two big stills and confiscating the horse, cart and "gasoline" can of one important retailer. S. C. Jarvis, the retailer is in the custody of officers to be tried in the Federal Court at Raleigh next week, unless she can arrange bond for the October term of the Federal Court in this city. Other arrests are expected to follow.

The officers found and destroyed a big still and 350 gallons of corn mash beer in the woods a half mile north of W. G. Upton's residence in Camden county. No one was about the still when the raid was made and no arrests have followed.

Over in Currituck county, about three miles from Sligo and near Tulls Creek, the officers found another big still in the hog pasture on the Willis Banks farm. The farm is occupied by Howard Banks, a son of Willis Banks, and by another tenant named Pearce. The still was camouflaged in the hog lot and the hog lot surrounded by a bull-proof, pig-tight barb wire barricade. There were about 50 hogs in the lot and the evidence was that the distillers were doing a double barreled business, making liquor from corn and feeding the corn mash to the hogs. The hogs not only devoured much evidence for them, but turned the evidence to profit. Neither Banks nor Pearce was at home, but it is understood warrants are out for one or both.

S. C. Jarvis, long suspected of retailing, was picked up on the road between Snowden and Moyock. He had a five gallon pump oil can in his cart and in the can was more than three gallons of liquor. It is alleged that he has been retailing liquor in this way for some time. The officers confiscated his horse and cart and they will be sold as government property. Jarvis is in the custody of the authorities.

The raid was conducted by Revenue Officer C. H. Jenkins of Elizabeth City, assisted by Inspector Steele, of Greensboro and Inspector Tuttle, of Charlotte.

It is the opinion of Inspector Jenkins that the woods of Camden and Currituck county, especially the upper part of Currituck county, are full of liquor stills. It is intimated that some of the best known citizens of those counties are interested in the manufacture and sale of illicit spirits.

## SHAD SEASON A FAILURE

SAYS N. Y. FISH AUTHORITY

With the end of shad season about a month off the supply is showing a falling off at this time which is unusual and is causing prices to stiffen up to such an extent of late that now they are almost as high on some varieties as they were at any time during the whole season says the New York Fishing Gazette. The truth of the matter is that the shad season has been a failure this year. Last season there was a good supply from some

## ALL DONE IN A DAY

Out of town people who come to Elizabeth City for eye glasses can have their eyes tested, glasses made and fitted the same day by Hathaway service. No need to wait a week for some one to order glasses for you. I have my own grinding plant and not only prescribe the glasses you need but make and fit them on the premises. It saves a lot of time as well as lot of middlemen's expenses.

**DR. J. D. HATHAWAY**  
Optometrist  
Phone 999 Bradford Bldg.

A COUNTY BOARD  
PUBLIC WELFARE

Pasquotank County Now Has  
Such a Board and Opportunity for Big Work

Rev. J. M. Ormond, pastor of First Methodist Church South; V. R. Gilmore, secretary of the Elizabeth City Y. M. C. A. and Miss Margaret Hollowell, of Bayside, have received commissions from the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare to serve as the County Board of Charities and Public Welfare in Pasquotank county.

The State Board of Charities and Public Welfare was created by an act of the Legislature of 1917 and this act was amended by the General Assembly of 1919, giving the State Board authority to extend its work into every county in the state and to create county boards. The same act provides that the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education of each county shall, in joint session, not later than July 15, appoint a County Superintendent of Public Welfare who shall serve the pleasure of said boards and whose salary shall be paid jointly from the public funds of said boards.

The County Superintendent of Public Welfare shall have, under control of the County Commissioners, the care and supervision of the poor and administer the poor funds. He shall act as agent of the State Board in relation to any work to be done in the county by the State Board. He shall have a few days later a mob of angry negroes went to Potter's home, and threatened violence upon him, whereupon Potter came to Elizabeth City and swore out a warrant for the arrest of the crowd. The negroes were tried and fined \$25 and costs apiece. Following this, charges were brought against Potter for strewing poison with intent to kill. The case has aroused a high pitch of excitement in the Kehukee section of lower Pasquotank, where the trouble occurred.

ALLEN KRAMER PASSES  
AWAY AT AGE OF 58

One of Elizabeth City's First and Foremost Citizens Died Wednesday

Allen Krebs Kramer, one of the best known citizens of Elizabeth City, for many years actively prominent in the business and social life of the community, died at his home on West Main street in this city Wednesday morning, a victim of Bright's Disease.

Mr. Kramer was 58 years of age. He was born at Watertown, Pa., and was the son of D. S. and Rachael Kramer. In 1871 the family moved to Elizabeth City, where as a young man he became identified with the lumber business, in which he has been engaged during his entire business life, having been continuously allied with the business longer than any other man in this section.

He was also a pioneer of moving picture enterprise in this community, and through his efforts the local Alkrama Theatre which bears his name was erected and operated under his management until his withdrawal a few years since. He was a member of the First Methodist church, and was ever a loyal church member and an active leader in every progressive movement for the advancement of the community. His geniality and kindness have made a deep impression on the hearts of all who knew him.

Mr. Kramer is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Maggie Cohoon, by two sons, D. Ray Kramer and Kermit Kramer, two daughters, Mrs. Edith Hughes and Miss Jennie Kramer, two brothers, C. E. and J. P. Kramer, and a sister, Mrs. A. T. Davis. Mrs. J. H. Banks and Mrs. P. H. Williams, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. C. W. Edwards of Durham. There are also two grandchildren.

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PUT PARIS GREEN ON  
WILD STRAWBERRIES

Nearly Resulted in Death of Negro  
Boy—Potter Gets Four Months  
On Roads

Augustus Potter, booze fiend of lower Pasquotank, was given four months on the roads in police court Thursday morning, for spreading Paris green on wild strawberries on his farm, with intent to kill, and with the result that Louis Banks, a small colored boy, was dangerously poisoned. Potter was placed under a bond of \$250 for his appearance at the September term of the superior court.

It seems that for some time past Potter has not been getting along very well with his colored neighbors, and when the wild strawberries began to ripen, their incursions upon his land for the luscious berries were more than he could bear. In the devious process of his drink-soaked brain he evolved a plan for malignant revenge, which very nearly succeeded. On the witness stand Thursday morning Jennie Cole, colored, a close neighbor of Potter declared that on the preceding Monday week she saw Potter sprinkling a green powder from a cup upon the heads of an uncultivated field which Potter had rented to one Israel Lister. The following day she saw a small colored boy apparently picking berries near the same spot. It was on this day that Louis Banks, 11-year-old colored boy, was taken violently ill, exhibiting symptoms of acute poisoning. The physician attending stated that his condition indicated arsenic as the poison taken, which is the basic ingredient of Paris green. Potter later admitted having spread Paris green on the wild berries in the field where the boy declared he had been eating strawberries just prior to his sudden illness.

A few days later a mob of angry negroes went to Potter's home, and threatened violence upon him, whereupon Potter came to Elizabeth City and swore out a warrant for the arrest of the crowd. The negroes were tried and fined \$25 and costs apiece. Following this, charges were brought against Potter for strewing poison with intent to kill. The case has aroused a high pitch of excitement in the Kehukee section of lower Pasquotank, where the trouble occurred.

THE METHODISTS MADE  
GOOD AND THEN SOME

Elizabeth City Churches Pledge More Than \$50,000 to Missions—Others Coming

Things are moving fast in the big Methodist Centenary Drive, the First Methodist Church of this city having over-subscribed its quota of \$22,500 by approximately \$6,500, and the City Road church, with a quota of \$10,000 has pledged \$13,000. Reports from the churches of Pasquotank county are meager, but it is confidently expected that later reports will show the county as having safely gone "over the top."

The first church in this district to report its quota subscribed was the City Road M. E. Church of this city, which made its report at 1:50 P. M. Sunday, just 1 hour and 55 minutes after the drive started. Old Trap was a close second, telephoning the news to district chairman C. E. Kramer just 5 minutes later.

Pledges reported from 38 of the 71 churches in Elizabeth City district up to late Wednesday afternoon totaled \$95,859.18, over 80 per cent of the total quota of \$160,841. This per cent is higher than that of the entire North Carolina conference, and exceeds by nearly 10 per cent the pledges of the whole Southern Methodist church. The church at Maahoes thus far holds the honor of the highest per cent oversubscription, this church having pledged just three times the amount of its quota. Gates circuit has over-subscribed, and Camden has subscribed the amount of its allotment. The total amount pledged by the North Carolina conference up to Tuesday night is \$1,191,000, and of the entire Southern Methodist Church is \$19,708,000.

Allen Kramer's funeral will be from the residence on Main street, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock; conducted by Rev. J. M. Ormond, assisted by Dr. Henning and Rev. Geo. Hill.

PASQUOTANK FOLK WANT  
SUPERINTENDENT VANN

LeRoy Denies Deal—Mack Sawyer Boasts That He Turned The Trick—Mass Meetings and Petitions Demand Resignation of School Board

SALVATION ARMY  
DRIVELESS HERE

Local Chairman Expects To  
Raise About \$1,000 Without  
Excitement

By W. O. SAUNDERS

Without putting on a drive, without an organization of any kind, without extensive publicity such as used in other campaigns, Pasquotank County will be prepared to announce tonight that approximately \$750.00 of the county's quota of the Salvation Army Home Service Fund has been subscribed.

When I accepted the responsibility for the Salvation Army cause in this county I was told that the county's quota would be \$850. I agreed to raise this sum of money for the Salvation Army, but with the understanding that no drive was to be put on. I realized that the people were worn out with drives and that the little hands full of men and women in this city and county who have had to do all the patriotic work of the past two years are worn to the bone. I did not feel that the public wanted to be "driven" again and I felt that the willing workers in this city and county deserved a breathing spell. I undertook to carry the responsibility for this campaign on my own shoulders, calling in no other help than the Boy Scouts.

After accepting the appointment for the Salvation Army I was advised that a mistake had been made in Pasquotank's quota and that the Salvation Army expected \$2,200 from this city and county. I frankly told the Salvation Army that I did not feel like asking my people for so much money at this time. And the Salvation Army Zone Campaign Manager told me to go ahead and do just as I pleased about it, asking the county for just as much as I saw fit.

And so I am asking this county to make a free will offering to the Salvation Army. The only canvass for funds that has been made or will be made is by myself, by Troops 1 and 3 of the Elizabeth City Boy Scouts, and by Mr. James Matthews, an old Confederate Veteran who volunteered his services because he wanted to do something for the one organization that had done so much for our soldiers in this world war. And Pasquotank was the first county in North Carolina to report to Salvation Army headquarters in Goldsboro Monday night, with \$340 subscribed and \$140 paid in. The Boy Scouts took hold of the canvass Tuesday afternoon and will roll in several hundred dollars this week.

But I can't get into the county and the Boy Scouts can't get into the county. It is up to the county people in Pasquotank whether the county makes any contribution to the great Salvation Army cause. The rural people have an opportunity to send in donations or they can ignore the Salvation Army by waiting to be solicited. The time is in my hands not later than Monday night, May 26.

Here follows a list of subscribers up to Tuesday night. All other subscribers will be published in full next week. This is my check on the work and my guarantee of complete returns. Every penny collected will be turned over to the county treasurer, H. G. Kramer. The collections in this county will not cost the Salvation Army a penny. I have personally footed the little expense of postage, printing and clerical work, with the exception of one job of printing which was cheerfully contributed by John L. Wells.

L. R. Chappel, \$2.50; W. C. Jackson, \$5; A. B. Houtz, \$10; C. B. Williams, M. D., \$5; J. P. Kramer, \$5; S. H. Johnson, \$10; F. M. Grice, \$5; J. T. McCabe, \$10; J. W. Munden, \$2; P. G. Sawyer, \$5; H. E. Banks, \$5; M. W. Ferebee, \$10; A. K. Wilson, \$5; G. R. Little, \$5; J. A. Goodfellow, \$5; Chas. H. Robinson, \$25; L. R. Foreman, \$15; Walter P. Wood, \$12.50; W. J. Woodley, \$10; Electric Light Co. of Elizabeth City, \$10; L. M. Meekins, \$10; W. G. Gaithe, \$10; Rev. J. M. Ormond, \$10; Jack Wells, \$5; R. E. Lewis, \$5; M. L. Sheep, \$5; J. V. Whitehurst, \$5; Dr. J. H. White, \$5; Dr. E. L. Hoffer, \$5; J. E. Moran, \$5; G. C. Markham, \$5; L. E. Old, \$5; Thos. J. Markham, \$5; B. S. Sawyer, \$5; Apothecary Shop, \$5; F. V. Scott, \$5; A. G. McCabe, \$2.50; J. W. Selig, \$2.50; Lloyd Sawyer, \$2.50; W. C. Twiddy, \$2.50; A. D. Crosey, \$2.00; W. P. Hedrick, \$1; E. T. Burgess, \$1; Miss Nellie Chesson, \$1; Latimer Commander, \$1; Dr. H. S. Willey, \$10; C. W. Brown, \$10; C. E. Kramer, \$5; Brock & Scott Produce Co., \$5; Jennette Bros. Co., \$10; W. P. Duff, \$10; Weeks & Sawyer, \$5; Auto & Gas Engine Works, \$10; Chas. Carmine, \$5; R. E. Black, \$10; H. G. Parks, \$2.50; E. L. Sawyer, \$1; O. F. Gilbert, \$10; H. W. Morrisette, \$5; F. M. Grice, Jr., \$5; J. Claude Perry, \$5; Standard Drug Co., \$5; E. F. Asylett, \$10; Dr. W. W. Sawyer, \$5; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, \$10; J. W. Foreman. (Concluded on page 6)